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#### IV. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ISSUES

##### **\*PROJECT: MICROELECTRIC FACILITY IN NAMCHE BAZAAR**

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April, 1982 - October 1983: 27 kilowatt "micro-hydroelectric" facility installed in Namche Bazaar (Solukhumbu District), providing limited lighting (1 bulb per room) to 110 houses during the evenings and cooking to 6 lodges during the daytime via underground wiring. This \$81,000 project was funded by the UNESCO World Heritage Fund, and the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation of HMG.

In 1980, Sagarmatha National Park (and historic monuments of the Kathmandu Valley) was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. (For information, contact B. Coburn.)

The government of Austria is currently funding construction of a 720 kilowatt hydroelectric project in the Bhote Kosi River above Namche Bazaar, with work being undertaken by the Small Hydel Development Board.

##### **\*PROJECT: COTTAGE INDUSTRY EXPORT DEVELOPMENT**

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The CIED Project aims to reach at the rural and village populations of Nepal, and has set up a network of District Offices in selected areas in the Bagmati and Gandaki Zones. Tanahu, in Gandaki Zone, has been chosen as one of the districts for the development of cottage industries for export purposes, to give gainful employment and contribute to a flow of export supplies. In the locality, farming is the major occupation and often in rugged terrain. The CIED Project intends to make use of the artistic inclinations of the rural folk and mobilize the production of exportable cottage industries through provision of advice and assistance for raw materials, designs, and export marketing.